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Subject: High Altitude Flights in Berlin Corridor

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At Quadripartite Meeting yesterday, Dr. Northe presented following document which Federal Government obtained from "generally reliable intelligence sources on subject high altitude US flights in Berlin corridor:

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"On question of air corridor incidents Panhow received following explanation from Moscow:

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"(1) Until March 1959 allied planes had cruised altitudes 3-4,000 meters because of weather conditions, but Soviet Union had never taken official cognizance these incidents.

"(2) Soviet Union has good reasons believe recent high altitude flights intended by US test Soviet reactions and, as matter of fact, force Soviet reaction.

"(3) Sharp reaction to first flight due to fact that Soviet occupation organs had no specific instructions for such contingency.

"(4) In view of forthcoming conferences, Soviet air control organs have now been instructed note such flights, at most control them by accompanying planes, but under all circumstances, avoid attack or direct conflict.

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(5) GDR publicity organs should limit comments such incidents to minimum and avoid drawing conclusions."

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